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TAGS: PINS, SP

SUBJECT: THE ORIOLE KIDNAPPING MORE NOTES, NO MOVEMENT

1. ON JAN 14 GRAPO SENT TO MADRID DAILY "INFORMACIONES" A SEALED MESSAGE FOR INTERIOR MINISTER MARTIN VILLA, WHO HAS NOT DISCLOSED THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER. THIS WAS FOLLOED ON JAN 16 BY YET ANOTHER NOTE. THIS ONE LEFT FOR REPORTERS FROM "INFORMACIONES" NAD "EL PAIS" IN WHICH GRPAO, NOTING THAT THE GOVT HAD NOT RELEASED THE REQUESTED 15 POLITICAL PRISONERS AND GRANTED A TOTAL AMNESTY, STATED THAT IF THE GOVT "DID NOT ATTEMPT TO SAVE ORIOLE'S LIFE BY ACCEPTING OUR PROPOSALS, OUR ORGANIZATION WILL CONSIDER ITSELF FREE AND JUSTIFIED IN DOING WHAT MUST BE DONE ("OBRARZL AS CONSEQUENCE".

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2. THE MADRID PRESS ON SATURDAY PICKED UP AN ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT TO THE EFFECT THAT A GOVT MINISTER HAD TOLD A GROUP OF NEWSMAN THAT THE GOVT SUSPECTED THAT THE ULTRA-RIGHT NOT THE EXTREME LEFT WAS BEHIND GRAPO AND THAT THE "CIA AND FBI" OFFICIALS SHARED THIS VIEWS. SYNDICAL MINISTER DE LA MATA. WHO HAD RECENT MET WITH MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND ASSUMED THAT HE WAS THE

UNNAMED GOVT MINISTER, QUICKLY DENIED THAT HE HAD SAID ANY SUCH THINGS. HE STATED THAT HE HAD TOLD A GROUP OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS THAT "THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE KIDNAPPING ARE STRANGE. OF COURSE THE GOVT HAS CONSIDERED ALL OF THE POSSIBILITIES, FROM ONE EXTREME TO THE OTHER. PERSONALLY I BELIEVE THAT THE DAY ALL THE FACTS OF THE KIDNAPPING COME OUT, WE WILL BE CONFRONTED WITH SOME SURPRISES".

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A PHONE CALL LATE SUNDAY NIGHT TO "INFORMACIONES" DENYING THE AUTHRNTICITY OF THE LAST GRAPO NOT, IT IS BEING TREATED AS GUENINE. IT TONE AND MPLIED TREAT ARE MORE MENACING THAN RECENT NOTES HAVE BEEN. STABLER

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